

Some of the Community Participants in the I-74 Project

NEIGHBORHOOD & SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Central Bluff Neighborhood Association	Bigelow Street Area Residents*
West Bluff Neighborhood Residents*	Neighborhood & Area Historical Association
Peoria Historical Society	Armstrong-Ellis Neighborhood Association
Central Illinois Landmark Foundation	Randolph-Roanoke Neighborhood Association*
Children's Home Association	East Bluff Neighborhood Association.*
Peoria Woman's Club	Peoria & Bartonville Lions Clubs
First United Methodist Church	First Baptist Church
Kiwanis Clubs	Rotary Club

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce*	East Peoria Chamber of Commerce*
Peoria Civic Center Authority	Peoria Homebuilder's Association
Peoria Riverfront Development Group	Peoria Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

BUSINESSES

St. Francis Hospital*	Methodist Hospital*
Proctor Hospital	Par-a-dice
Mark Twain Hotel	Northwoods Mall*
RLI	Brannon and Company
Westlake Shopping Center*	Salvation Army*
OSF Health Care System*	Caterpillar Inc.*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City of Peoria*	City of East Peoria*
Peoria County Board	Tazewell County Board
Peoria Park District	Tri-County Regional Planning Commission*

*Participated in the Technical Advisory Group

Context Sensitive Solutions in Action



Interstate 74 Peoria & East Peoria

Context Sensitive Solutions require the willingness of both the Department and the public to engage in open and continuous dialogue throughout the study process.

The I-74 study included special efforts from both the stakeholders and IDOT. Listed below are some of the events which led to a successful project that reflects community values while addressing the transportation needs of the public.

Planning Phase

- ❖ Two public involvement meetings were held.
- ❖ Over 100 meetings were held with local government officials, businesses, special interest groups and property owners.*
- ❖ A Technical Advisory Group was formed:
 - ⊗ The main goal of the Advisory Group was to setup two-way communication between IDOT and the stakeholders.
 - ⊗ Members included local governmental officials, businesses, and special interest groups.
 - ⊗ 10 Technical Advisory Group meetings were held.

Design Phase

- ❖ Over 100 meetings were held with local government officials, trade groups, community groups, businesses, and business organizations.*
- ❖ Special I-74 information booths were setup at the Black Business Expo, Heart of Illinois Fair, Midwest Traffic Conference, and PACC'S Area Business Connection.
- ❖ A speakers cadre was formed to address special interest groups.
- ❖ A virtual video of the drive through downtown was developed to help people visualize what I-74 would look like when the reconstruction was completed. The virtual video was also used by the landscape and aesthetics focus group. This group included the Peoria Park District and Peoria City Beautiful.
- ❖ Peoria Park District has agreed to maintain special landscaped areas.

*A partial listing of stakeholders involved during the planning, design and construction of the I-74 project appears on the back of this handout.

Construction Phase

- ❖ Continued dialog with the stakeholders*
- ❖ Timely press releases
- ❖ Response to public comments and questions
- ❖ Introduction of Jack Hammer
- ❖ Special Events
 - ⊗ Keep Your Cool at the Courthouse - Jack Hammer hands out ice cream
 - ⊗ Motorcade to promote carpooling
 - ⊗ Jack on the Job - Jack delivers lunches to area businesses
- ❖ I-74 website (www.upgrade74.com) provides the public with accurate and updated information about construction. The site includes such features as:

⊗ When & where construction is happening	⊗ News Bureau
⊗ Detour routes	⊗ Automatic email updates
⊗ Updates/press releases	⊗ Contact information
⊗ Real time video of traffic conditions is being developed	

Open Dialogue Between the Department and the Stakeholders Resulted in Changes both Large and Small

- ❖ Aesthetic design of retaining walls, light poles, bridges and bridge rails



- ❖ Noise walls to reduce noise and block the view of the road from neighborhoods

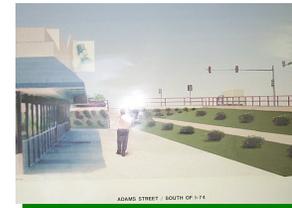
- ❖ Closure of Armstrong Street, Bigelow Street, and Columbia Terrace to reduce through traffic in neighborhoods bordering I-74



- ❖ Minimal impact to historic structures

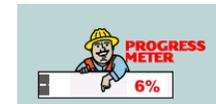


- ❖ Revision of construction sequence to provide better access during construction for St. Francis Hospital



- ❖ Aesthetic design and landscaping of Adams St. to improve the appearance of the retaining walls in the area of the Salvation Army Building and the Mark Twain Hotel

- ❖ Multiple use of space beneath the Murray Baker Bridge for the City's Riverfront Park



- ❖ The www.upgrade74.com website